CORPORAL SENDS WAR LETTER TO CONCORD CLUB

Robert Wicksham Describes Scenes When Americans Retake Chateau-Thierry.

Describing a "red-lettter day" and vivid scenes on the fighting front in France, Corp. Robert Wickham of Headquarters company, district of Paris, and a brother of Paul Wickham, Farnam street cigar merchant, writes to the Omaha Concord club as follows:

"Last week I had a red-letter day and it was the first one in some time. A red-letter day in our life over here is either a pay day or a bunch of letters and the latter was my good fortune. Now if Uncle Samuel will only try and remember that he owes me for four months' pay, I will feel that my cup of joy has been filled.

"Paul wrote me that I have been honored by a membership in your splendid club and to be frank I can't just figure out why I should merit such an honor when you already have the champion eater of the Wickham clan in your fold. However, Mr. Tyler, and all you bullfroggers, I'll do my best to be worthy and most assuredly I am more than grateful.

Praises Con Message.

"Your message from home in the July 25 Con was a masterpiece and if Paul would only stop writing all over them they would reach the Stars and Stripes for publication over here. You sounded every note of a real, true American. I wish every man in the A. E. F. could read that message. It's of the type they all like to read and it helps them to be better man when they receive such sentiments from the folks back home.

"In the early part of July I was sent to the hospital for an operation. My first stopping place was in a French hospital and there I met some of the finest young men in France—some with arms and legs off, some blind, and a poor lad who slept next to me was full of shrapnel. He was carrying a sack of grenades when a piece of shell hit the bag and tore him in 35 different places. I'll never forget the expression on that man's face.

In Heavy Fighting.

"From July 14 on our division was in some of the heaviest fighting in the history of the war, the second battle of the Marne, and retaking Chateau-Thierry. You never would dream of such fighting unless actually in it.

"One place in the woods had nothing but machine guns in it, and the boys had them fairly well cleaned out when Pat O'Brien, a buck private in our outfit, found another. It took some time for Pat and his two buddies to reach it. Finally they charged and Fritz and his pals gave them the old Kamerad stuff, and Pat with his .45 barking killed the four of them and turned the gun around on the retreating Huns and got another bunch.

Brothers Fall Together.

"Out of the woods and over in a field lay two brothers who had fought side by side since we went into the line in February. Both had been hit by shrapnel. The stretcher bearers carried them back a ways and placed them side by side. The youngest knew that the Great Commander had given him his last command, and reaching over, he took his brother's hand, then turning his battered face towards him, he uttered his last words, 'Goodby, brother, God bless you.' A few hours later they were taken back, one unconscious, and the other dead, but their hands were still clasped.

"Mr. Tyler, there is one sample of how real the American lads are, even unto death they are brave, and how they hold out on the field, injured, without water, or a thing to help them, and when they are brought in and a K. of C. of Y. M. C. A. man gives them a cigarette, they brighten up and smile in spite of their wounds.

Cigaret Brings Relief.

"One lad had his legs blown off and was suffering the most a man could suffer, but that one little cigaret came at the opportune time, and there he lay with his cigaret, and told the fellows, 'Well, it's a pretty good old army at that, boys, when they slip you a real smoke.'

"At present I am stationed in Paris for light duty because I am unfit for the trenches since my operation, and in the large railway stations you see some mighty pitiful sights, old men, women and children returning from the shelled districts and carrying with them everything they could before a shell would destroy it all. Those at home can't realize it until they see just what these good people are going through. You certainly have to admire them for their courage and certainly the 'Yanks' are going to help finish it as soon as they can.

"Paris is a wonderful city, so many places to see and every one interesting. Every one thinks that an American carries a First National bank on his person. If it isn't money, it's cigarets, and I'll say there are more snipe-shooters here than anywhere in No Man's Land. They certainly are proficient in the art, and it is not restricted to any age. Taxis are thicker than cooties, and you can simply run the wheels off of one for just a few francs. Well, Mr. Tyler, I must desist. I am indebted to you for your time, but I felt that, being your A. E. F. Bullfrogger or Conner, it was my duty to give you a few incidents that happen every day over here in the land of the lily.

"I wouldn't take a fortune for my experiences and for the friends I have made. Surely this war has been a lesson for us, to love everything that is good and to stamp out forever all that is bad. I want to thank the Concord club for the honorary membership. It is a debt that I can never pay, but I'll do my best to reciprocate over here in helping out the cause for democracy, and I guess that's what you all expect a 'Con' to do."

WAR PUZZLES

STRICKEN POLAND

PRESIDENT WILSON ANNOUNCED

Failure of his efforts to induce European Governments to agree upon terms for relief of stricken Poland two years ago today, October 17, 1916

Find another sufferer.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

Right side down helmet in coat.

FRENCH NATION DETERMINED TO MAKE HUNS PAY

Senate Resolution Authorizing Government to Obtain Reparation for Damages.

Paris, Oct. 16.—(Havas)—The French senate today unanimously adopted a resolution proposed by the government permitting the government to proceed actively in cooperation with the allies with plans to obtain reparation for damage committed by the Germans. Stephen Pichon, the foreign minister, declared that he should have more power to insist on the just claims against Germany. The atrocities which Germany had committed, he added, will have other atonement than moral condemnation. The Germans must be punished sufficiently to prevent forever the possible recurrence of such crimes as the world recently has witnessed.

The senate voted that the foreign minister's speech be posted over all the country.

Postpone Dedication.

Fremont, Neb., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Owing to the influenza epidemic the dedication of the new court house scheduled for next Saturday, has been indefinitely postponed. Governor Neville was to have made the dedicatory speech.

AIRPLANES ARE ADDED TO FORT OMAHA SCHOOL

Two Planes Will Be Used in Observation Work in Connection with Balloon School Training.

Fort Omaha is to have air planes in connection with the balloon observation work, which is being carried on at the balloon school.

The first of the planes arrived in Omaha Tuesday, when Lt. Franklin W. Gledhill and Lt. Joseph W. Shimmon, flew to Omaha from the United States flying school at Rantoul, Ill. The officers used a large army bi-plane and made the trip from Illinois to Omaha in less than 10 hours. They landed near Florence field.

The officers will be stationed at Fort Crook indefinitely. Another aeroplane will be sent here soon and both planes will be kept at Fort Crook, which will be used as an aviation field.

Omaha people hope that this will be the neucleus of an aviation school here, but army officials say that bringing the planes here to use in connection with the balloon observation work does not mean the establishment of an aviation school here.

Expected at Fort Omaha.

The arrival of an airplane at Florence field yesterday was no surprise to the Fort Omaha officer. They have known for three months that airplanes were to be sent here for a special service in connection with the balloon observation work.

This work, it is said by certain citizens who know, is to be the photographing of the terrain for several miles around where the observation balloons are stationed.

It is impossible to take these photographs from a stationary balloon. They must be taken in an airplane because it is necessary to fly about in order to get photographs of a large area of ground. These photographs are then fitted together and yield a photograph of all the surrounding ground.

Brother of Art Mullen Gets Position in Canada

John Mullen of Falls City, Neb., a brother of Arthur Mullen of this city, has been appointed United States consul to the province of Ontario, Canada. He will leave in about two weeks for his new headquarters in Toronto.

HYMENEAL

Buskirk-Shrader.

Miss Marie Shrader, daughter of Gerald D. Shrader, and Lawrence F. Buskirk were married by Rev. Charles W. Savidge Tuesday evening at 8. They were accompanied by the birde's twin sister, Miss Margie Shrader, and Richard Kearney.

Waggoner-Delabar.

Miss Frances F. Delabar of Lincoln, Neb., and William V. Waggoner of Firth, Neb., were married by Rev. Charles W. Savidge at his residence Tuesday at 6.

Khaki Kolumn

Soldiers at Fort Omaha have a new slogan, "A gargle a day keeps the flu away."

Harold T. Lamereaux, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Lamoreaux, 817 South Thirty-sixth street, has been promoted from a second to a first lieutenant, according to word just received by his parents. The young officer is a member of the American expeditionary forces and is attending an officers' training school in France.

Prescott Heald, 1009 Georgia avenue, received word from the War department Tuesday that his brother, Private Robert P. Heald, in France with the United States marines, was wounded, degree undetermined, September 15. The young marine enlisted May 4 and went overseas in August, and upon his arrival in France went immediately into action.

I. L. Beisel of the city clerk's office has received from his son, Clay, who is overseas, a fac simile copy of greetings written by King George of Great Britain to the American expeditionary forces last April.

Information has been received that Potts Sandau, well known here in foot ball and base ball circles, has not been injured overseas, as was recently rumored. His parents reside at Thirty-sixth and Jackson streets.

Mrs. W. H. Pepper, 1221 South Eleventh street, has just received a letter from her husband, W. H. Pepper, of his safe arrival in France. Mr. Pepper enlisted on August 26 and sailed with the United States navy forces on September 1, arriving in France September 22. He was an employe of the Union Pacific before his enlistment.

Gives Joint Savings to Back Brother in France

A $1,000 Liberty bond, representing the five years' savings of Carl and Michel Lewis, Russian Jewish immigrant tailors, stands out as one of the most patriotic sacrifices made to win the war. It is all they possess.

Carl, 26, is now in France, having enlisted with Nebraska base hospital unit No. 49, but Michel, to whom their little store on Twenty-ninth and Farnam streets, was left in charge, has obligated himself so to invest their joint funds, in a bond subscribed through Judge A. L. Sutton and Charles A. Goss.

"I do not regard this as an investment. I am glad to loan the government what I can and if necessary, give it to Uncle Sam to help win the war," Michel explained in well-nigh perfect English. He is only 20, an oldish-young man with a vivid remembrance of persecutions endured in the little Russian-Polish village of Pieterkov, near Warsaw, from whence he came five years ago.

"I am but a poor little tailor, but I will give my all. Then shall not others give as freely when the government of this free country asked for it?" questioned the ardent young patriot.

Nine American flags, by actual count, a service flag of one star for the brother overseas, a Red Cross and a Liberty bond window card create an atmposphere of patriotic fervor in the little tailor's shop.

Huns Shell Dunkirk.

With the French Forces in Flanders, Oct. 16.—(Havas)—"The Germans today resumed their long range bombardment of the French seaport of Dunkirk, on the Strait of Dover. T